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REFORM SCHOOL BILL IN.

An Appropriation of \$200,000 Is
Asked For.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR WORK.

Topeka, Jan. 30.—If the state industrial school for boys is to be moved from Topeka, why not locate it at Great Bend?

This is the proposition, in brief, which has been checked up to the legislature by Senator G. L. Chapman and Representative W. M. Chatten of Barton county.

Senator Chapman introduced in the Senate on Tuesday the bill which, if it becomes a law, will put the proposed change into effect.

One other bill providing for the relocation of the Boy's Industrial school has already been introduced. This provides that the school shall be taken to Abilene.

Senator Chapman said in speaking of the bill which he has introduced: "It is my idea that if the Boy's Industrial school is moved from Topeka, it should be taken well toward the western part of the state. The girls' industrial school is now located at Beloit, in north-western Kansas; why not locate the boys' school at Great Bend which is in southwestern Kansas?"

It doesn't look exactly right to me to see the school merely moved out to Abilene. I am inclined to think it is doubtful whether the school is moved at all, because there are sure to be a good many applicants, and in the discussion, it is likely that the school will be left at Topeka."

The bill which Senator Chapman drafted, and which has been introduced by him in the Senate, and by Representative Chatten in the house, is as follows.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Kansas; that the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of securing a suitable site and for the erection and equipment of suitable buildings for the state industrial school for boys.

The board of control of the state charitable institutions shall select and purchase suitable site for such buildings, which site shall be within two miles of the corporate limits of the city of Great Bend in Barton county; provided that a tract of land of not less than 240 acres nor more than 640 acres be offered for sale to the state at not more than \$40 per acre, in such location as said board may select within the limits prescribed in this section, and within six months from the passage of this act; provided that if such tract of land is not offered for sale at said price within said six months, that said board of control of state charitable institutions select a suitable site within two miles of the corporate limits of said city of Great Bend and obtain the title to the site thus selected by condemnation.

Immediately upon the selection of such site, and the obtaining of title thereto, as provided in section 2 of this act, the board of control shall proceed to adopt plans, engage a suitable superintendent of construction, if deemed necessary, and erect such buildings pursuant to the provisions of this act.

"Upon the completion of the buildings herein provided for, the buildings now being occupied and used as the state industrial school for boys near Topeka in Shawnee

county, shall continue to be under the management and control of the board of control, and shall be used as a state asylum for the incurable insane."

The State Industrial school for boys is situated north of North Topeka on a 40 acre tract. The board of control wants more land for the school farm, and land in the vicinity of the school is held at \$100 per acre, it being choice river bottom land. The board of control also recommends the enlargement of the state hospitals for the insane, and this has made it likely that before long, the industrial school will be moved out into a distinctly farming region, and the present buildings turned over to the authorities of the state asylum. If such a change is made at the present session, it seems likely that Great Bend has at least an equal show with other western Kansas towns to land the institution.

All excepting the signature of the Governor to the bill, Kansas now has an iron-clad pure food law, modelled in all respects on the national pure food law plan. It holds grocers and other food sellers responsible for the purity of their goods, unless they can produce a written guarantee from the wholesale or jobber from whom the goods were obtained. Four inspectors are provided at salaries of not over \$150 per month, whose business it will be to travel around over the state and send in samples of suspected foodstuffs. Additional chemists are provided at the state university and state agricultural college to look after the analytical work. Both houses of the legislature passed the law as it was prepared by Senator C. L. Huffman.

J. E. Guyer of Stafford county is still on the trail of the bucket shops. His first bill prohibiting bucket shops in Kansas was killed by the judiciary committee without giving Guyer a hearing, so he changed the title of the bill, and reintroduced it. The sentiment of the members seems to be friendly to the Guyer bill, and he may succeed in getting it over the rocks. There are laws against bucket shops already on the books; the trouble is that they don't stop the bucketshops. Mr. Guyer says that his bill will do this, and he proposes to make a strong effort to secure its enactment.

The railroads are hanging to their right to give bribes in the form of free passes to public officials with almost as much desperation as they are clinging to the 3-cent fare for passengers. Both propositions were the subject of an important conference of the house and senate railroad committees in the Senate chamber Monday night, at which the railroads were represented by such men as John Sebastian, passenger traffic manager of the Rock Island, W. J. Black, passenger traffic manager of the Santa Fe, Alex. Hilton, general passenger agent of the Frisco, and H. C. Townsend, general passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific. The fact that the railroads are using men of such caliber in their fight indicates the desperate nature of the struggle which they will make to retain the right to retain the free pass bribe and the 3 cent fare by which the public pays the cost of the bribes.

In spite of the fact that the railroads have collected petitions from their employees—who believe that discretion is the better part of valor, and sign most anything presented by the "company"—the pressure on the legislature for a real anti-pass law is becoming

tremendous, and there will probably be some sort of legislation of the subject. The 2 cent fare proposition is very much in doubt, and the primary election law, which the railroads are fighting hard, is almost done for.

The great Republican function of Kansas took place here Tuesday night when the Kansas Day club held its banquet at the Topeka Auditorium. The attendance was not as large as usual, and there was considerable sigh of discord between the "square deal" faction and the "politician" crowd. Jim Challis of Atchison said some uncomplimentary things about the prohibitory law, and William Newlin of Hutchinson added to the discord by prophesying ruin for the party unless it got right on the square deal issues. Newlin's speech was a rabble rouser. Here is one extract: "Let this legislature rise in its might and determine that what is good for the people of Ohio and Wisconsin is good for the Kansas and he must have it. The record of Kansas is being written now. Our people are waiting, anxiously waiting, for the signal which shall announce our freedom from corporation and railroad greed and control. He who hesitates is lost! He who dallies is a dastard! He who doubts is damned!"

SANTA FE STOCK INCREASE.

The Increase Makes Total Capitalization \$371,486,000.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 30.—Acting in conformity with the recent proposal of the directors, the stockholders of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company held a meeting at the general offices in this city early this afternoon and gave their approval to plans calculated to meet the necessities of the road for many years. It was voted to increase the capital stock of the company by \$98,000,000, the increase to be in common stock divided into shares of a par value of \$100 each, so that the total capital stock of the company shall be \$371,486,000. The purposes of the increase include the purchase of additional rolling stock and the construction of the proposed line from Texico, N. M., to Texas and Pacific coast points.

A Store Is What Its Advertising Makes It. Schiller wrote: "Every Man Stamps His Value Upon Himself. The Price We Challenge For Ourselves Is Given Us."

This statement contains most of the philosophy of advertising. Particularly does it explain the various degrees and kinds of store-success.

Almost without variation, stores come to be the concrete effect of the advertising that is done for them. They come to typify The Net Result Of The Campaigns Of Publicity That Have Been Carried Through For Them.

In almost every city in the world the biggest and best store is the one that has been advertised in the biggest and best ways. The next store in importance has also been second in the intelligence and enterprise shown in its advertising. And the comparison will hold true down to the tenth store in importance—or the last one of all.

So that, to paraphrase Schiller, Every Merchant Stamps The Character Of His Advertising Upon His Store. And The Sort Of Reputation We Challenge For Our Enterprise Is Given Them. Try an ad. in the Rustler.

W. A. and Lynn Moses came out from Kansas City Tuesday morning, returning that evening.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE

That Is the Record of Mayor E. W. Moses and Wife.

January 29th, 1882, two well known young people of this vicinity, in the persons of E. W. Moses, a young business man and Miss Anna Wood, daughter of a well known Barton county farmer, were united in the bonds of wedlock, Rev. O. A. Palmer officiating. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few of the near relatives being present. Time in its flight brings many changes. So it has to this couple. Popular among the young crowd of that day, they are popular with the young crowd still and with the old crowd, and with the middle-aged crowd, and in fact with all crowds. They have continued to reside in our midst, have borne their part of the burden of building up this excellent community, been active workers in the church, in the lodges, in society, and in all things for the better interest of all classes. Mr. Moses has grown in business until today the firm of which he is a member is rated as one of the strongest financial institutions in the central part of the state. He has held various positions of honor, but none with any remuneration attached. He is the present mayor, and has on three different occasions occupied that place. In fact so satisfactory have his services always been, that he could be mayor as long as he wanted to.

Tuesday the event occurring in 1882 was celebrated. The first event of the day was a reunion of the Moses brothers and a dinner at the mayor's home. Six of the boys, W. A. of Kansas City, Lynn and Col. Cassius of Los Angeles, C. L. and S. E. of this city, gathered with an intimate friend or two and enjoyed the occasion. The seventh brother, Arthur, living on the northern Pacific coast, was prevented from attending. In the evening a large number of friends were invited, coming in two sections as it were, one crowd from seven to nine, and the other after nine. Mrs. E. W. Moses assisted by Mrs. S. E. Moses and Mrs. Jennie Castle received the guests. E. W. was every place, as happy as a man with a large family, welcoming his children home for a reunion. In fact many of us who attended sort of look upon E. W. as a father. Excellent refreshments were served, Mrs. Judge Cole being in charge, assisted by the Misses Florence and Caroline Castle, Elsie Wood, Francis Cole, and Grace Allison. The occasion was a regular old time affair and every one was made to feel at home.

Later in the evening a crowd of E. W.'s cronies, headed by Judge Cole, presented him and his wife with a baby cab, said to have been used by C. E. Dodge, F. V. Russell, and Willis Bolinger, in their time, and strongly recommended to Mr. and Mrs. Moses. The gift was accepted with a promise to cherish it as a memento of the occasion.

We but voice the sentiment of the city in saying to E. W. and Mrs. Moses that we all hope to live long enough to assist them in celebrating their golden wedding twenty five years hence. We congratulate them on their success in life and trust that may be spared to enjoy the fruits of their toil dedicated to making the locality in which we live bloom like a garden of roses.

FOR SALE—No. 2 Austin well drill, complete with horse power. In first class condition. J. F. Schenk, Olmitz.

Surprise Party.

A most pleasant surprise was planned and met with the best of success when about twelve young people went to the home of Will Vollmer on Ellinwood Street and there tendered him a complete surprise, the occasion being his birthday. He was very tired and almost deserted the family group, when a noise and then what was happening was able to be seen. The evening was spent in various games until Miss Ella, called us to work, when each indulged in a taffy pulling contest. The winner we could not say. At a late hour all departed wishing Will many more such birthdays and promising to come again. The young people presented him with a watch chain as a token of the occasion. Those present were Misses Lois Sams, Barbara Schaffer, Florence Lee, Carrie Crilly, Bertha Clark, Hazel Buckland and Messrs. Fred Merriitt, George Sams, Fred Hans, Frank Lemaster of Denver, Leland Ingersoll and Bert Jenkins.

Fraternal Aid Association.

The Fraternal Aid Association held their regular meeting Monday evening and elected the following officers.

Past Pres., Mrs. M. L. Moore. Pres. Oscar Johnson. Vice Pres. G. W. Koontz. Secy., W. P. Feder. Treas., Louis Zlatavarn. Chaplain, Mrs. Etta Chapman. Guide S. F. Moyer. Observer, Olivia Koontz. Sentinel, John Chapman. Medical Examiner, Dr. A. H. Connett.

Trustee, John Chapman. The installation will take place on Monday evening, the 11th. Refreshments will be provided all members should attend.

About Concrete Construction.

Realizing the high prices that are now being charged for the old styles of building material and the great desire for knowledge on the subject of concrete, The Atlas Portland Cement Company, whose headquarters are at 30 Broad Street, New York, have published a book on Concrete Construction about the Home and on the Farm, a copy of which we have been favored with. It contains a vast amount of useful information, and those desiring a copy of the book can secure the same by writing the above company, and mentioning the Rustler.

Capital Punishment Abolished.

Topeka, Jan. 29.—The Wheeler-Simon bill to abolish capital punishment passed the senate and houses today and now goes to the governor. While no Kansas governor has ever signed the death sentence, the present bill wipes out that feature.

Isaac Reynolds is reported as being quite poorly.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Charley Leschsky was out from Kansas City for a few days.

Cash Moses arrived from the west Tuesday morning.

Judge E. C. Cole returned Monday evening from a business trip to Topeka.

Mat Tower, of Hoisington, was in the city to lay visiting with his many friends here.

S. F. Moyer has returned from an extended visit with friends in McPherson county.

Miss Catherine Farmer of Canon City is in the city visiting the family of Amos Johnson.

Earl Rediger and wife have returned from their visit with Mrs. Rediger's people at Burlington.

The marriage of a well known young couple suddenly took place Monday. Wait for the announcement.

Lyman Dodge has been getting around sort of sideways for a couple of days, all on account of a bone felon on one of his fingers.

Miss Floy Dodge is prevented from attending school by a bone felon, which has caused her all sorts of trouble the last few days.

Jacob Sessler, of route six, is slowly recovering from an attack of the grip, he having been confined to the house for about six weeks.

Mrs. John Berscheidt, of Ellinwood, left Tuesday morning for Aurora, Ill., in response to a notice of the death of her father, Mr. Henry Koehl.

Mrs. W. J. McGreevey has ended the suspense at home by arriving Monday night. W. J. says he thinks now that he is once more among the living.

Mrs. J. F. Pettit, who was called to her old home in Ohio some time ago, by the serious illness of her father, whose death followed, returned Saturday evening.

Rev. R. A. Tompson of Plattsburg Mo. will begin a series of meetings at the Christian church Sunday Feb. third. Everybody invited to this meeting.

B. W. McDonald on the south side will have spring frys sure enough. He has an old hen that is rather thrifty, and Saturday hatched out eight little chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merton entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moses, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Moses, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moses, and Mrs. S. J. Shaw at dinner Monday.

F. Vernon Russell and James W. Clarke left Monday evening for Topeka to be present at the meeting of the Kansas Day Club. They will probably remain in Topeka to attend a meeting of the state bar association.

HOPE'S BIG NAVY

People who are not without either optimism or imagination like to "think in pictures"—to paint, in fantastic shapes, the hopes, the fears, the apprehensions of life.

Mankind has long been accustomed to construct "MENTAL SHIPS"—to think of a cherished plan or hope as, "When my ship comes in!" The man or woman of buoyant temperament has "mental ships" sailing in all seas—and some of them are "coming in" every few days!

If your "ships" are sailing according to the "PUBLICITY CHARTS" a good many more of them will "come in" on time and with BIGGER CARGOES.

If most of your "ships" have found their way to "Davy Jones's Locker," or to the graveyards of the seas, you may begin the building of an entire NEW NAVY OF HOPE by becoming a close reader—a student—of the advertisements.

IN THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISEMENTS—so full of "chances," "opportunities" you may find some "ships" whose whole cargoes are consigned to you; and other "ships" ready and waiting to set out on long or short voyages freighted with your hopes and prospects.